

# OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org]  
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 3:59 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Gas Rates!

**Southwest Gas**  
**G-01551A-10-0458**  
**In Opposition**

**ORIGINAL**

Oct 20, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

Southwest Gas is asking for a rate increase of about \$40 a year for the average single family residence.

They also ask for "decoupling" to guarantee part of their revenue. With "decoupling", even when ratepayers use less gas we may not pay less.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work.

There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Valerie Aronoff  
Bisbee, AZ 85603-2624

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Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 3:59 PM  
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. V Burns  
Tucson, AZ 85745

Arizona Corporation Commission  
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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Alice Joiner [aljoalco@cox.net]  
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 3:59 PM  
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alice Joiner  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-8729

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Richard Fenton [rnf@hotm.com]  
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 3:59 PM  
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There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates. These large corporations making millions can darn well bite the bullet just as all middle or lower income citizens must do these days. Unfortunately, it is only the large corporations, banking institutions, etc who are not suffering & having to struggle to make ends meet. Maybe they need to streamline their operation to cut their expenses as an initial step.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Fenton  
Tombstone, AZ 85638-6567

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Hal Tate [tatepatch4@aol.com]  
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 6:59 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates

Southland Utilities asked for and received permission to raise my water costs by \$10.00 a month. I don't need a gas increase.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hal Tate

Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-5309

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Donald Rust [windchaser14@msn.com]  
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 6:29 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 20, 2011

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1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
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There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Donald Rust

Benson, AZ 85602-6810

Antonio Gill

From: AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Jan Musial [sammyin77@verizon.net]  
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 9:00 AM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: APS and SW Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increases

Oct 21, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

APS and Southwest Gas together are asking for your approval to raise average residence utility costs more than \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is not the time to have our utility costs increased by so much.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work. Many homes are in foreclosure.

There have been no Social Security COLA increase for two years.

The costs of food and gasoline are way up.

Now is not the time to raise our combined gas and electric rates.

People, such as myself, who are retired simply cannot afford to pay these increased rates. Please vote no on APS request for this increase!

I'm counting on you, as an elected Commissioner.

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jan Musial

Flagstaff, AZ 86802-1836

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Carol McSally [carolmcsally@q.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 10:59 AM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 21, 2011

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1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

We didn't even get full service during the coldest months of the year last year.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carol McSally

Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-6865

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Dean Kuns [deankuns@gmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 12:28 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 21, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

Everything is getting cut including my annual income by 11,000.00 and I'm in the war zone getting mortgaged nearly every other day. The gas companies are making significant profits yet everyone else is taking losses. A rate hike at this time of continuous cutbacks is unfair and not justified.

Thank you  
FSR Dean Kuns  
Shadow, GOCO 4  
FOB SHANK,  
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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dean Kuns

Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-9448

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of CLIFFORD HERRON [herronslight@yahoo.com.au]  
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 10:30 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 22, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

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Thousands of Arizonans are out of work.

There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years and with continuing price increases it is increasingly difficult to live on a fixed income.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up and many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates. In addition, it is absolutely unfair to decouple gas costs. What is being proposed has the effect of subsidizing the heavy users and those with large houses, normally the more affluent citizens, by the lower and middle class citizens who can least afford it. In fact there should be a move to reduce the fixed costs that we all have to pay and have users pay more.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. CLIFFORD HERRON

Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-5727

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of g heller [gheller@msn.com]  
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 2:28 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

This is a rural community, Homeowners are mostly elderly. Those that are not are bearing the brunt of "cost addition" to the price of gasoline! Just 50 miles away, in Tucson, the price of a gallon of gas is 20 cents a gallon less! This cost addition affects our food prices as well. Enough is enough! There should be a sense of moral obligation here! Yes, "you" need MORE money to cover production costs. But how much is that cost REALLY?

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. g heller

Huachuca City, AZ 85616-0254

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Stephen Baker [sbaker007@earthlink.net]  
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2011 11:31 AM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Baker

Hereford, AZ 85615-8717

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Maria Guadalupe Mejia [mgmejia@theriver.com]  
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2011 2:02 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 22, 2011

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1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Maria Guadalupe Mejia  
[REDACTED]  
Douglas, AZ 85607-3320  
[REDACTED]

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Ann Widmann [anna@az-image-is.com]  
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2011 2:32 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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I am handicapped and unable to do much to supplement my meager Social Security disability income. I go in the hole every month. I don't see how I can cope with anymore increases. Please don't make it impossible for me keep my home warm this winter by raising gas rates.

Sincerely,

Ann Widmann  
611 W. Vista St.  
Bisbee, AZ 85603

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ann Widmann  
[REDACTED]  
Bisbee, AZ 85603-1443  
[REDACTED]

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Antonio Gill

From: Sierra Club [information@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Jim Lawrence [jameslelawrence@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2011 1:07 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency. #G-01551A-10-0458

Oct 23, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

As a Southwest Gas customer and an Arizonan who is very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills higher and higher.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jim Lawrence  
[REDACTED]  
Surprise, AZ 85379-5956  
[REDACTED]

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Jay Raschke [jay\_raschke@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, October 23, 2011 2:34 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jay Raschke  
[REDACTED]  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-8921

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Antonio Gill

From: Acearnes1@aol.com  
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 5:11 PM  
To: Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Slump-Web; Burns-Web; Newman-Web  
Subject: Re: Consumer comments, Southwest Gas Company rate case, #G-01551A-10-0458

October 24, 2011

Chairman and Commissioners  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, Southwest Gas Company rate case, #G-01551A-10-0458

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners:

This letter, while mirroring text that which the Sierra Club suggests, very closely reflects our family's concerns and wishes for your action regarding decoupling and energy efficiency. We also hope that Tucson Electric Power will be part of this concept in the near future.

As Southwest Gas customers and Arizonans who are very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, we strongly urge you to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for our family or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills UP and UP.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

As ratepayers, we want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Eames

Tucson, AZ 85704

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of David Larson [davidla@yahoo.co]  
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 5:36 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 24, 2011

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1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

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The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

Now is not the time, if there ever is one, to again increase wealth for corporations at the expense of low and moderate income citizens. The Occupy Wall Street movement is just the tip of the iceberg of citizen discontent. Should proposals such as this be granted, it must certainly add a level of sympathy to those who are fed up with a plutocracy masquerading as a democracy. Show us that you care enough about people, not corporations, to deny this request.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Larson

Cochise, AZ 85606-8695

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Jere Fredenburgh [jfred@jcdk2.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 6:36 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 24, 2011

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1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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First, have no USE for AARP, and am only using the form, because that was what is provided. AARP does NOT advocate for seniors.

Regarding an increase in rates...seems like ANNOUNCING a hearing. I got an email at 6:00 that the hearing was today. I'd like to know why the rates are increasing? Is the cost of natural gas actually increasing?

thanks in advance, you like to have a response.

sincerely,

jfredenburgh

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

✉ Mrs. Jere Fredenburgh

Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-8614

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of James Benford [benocan2@cox.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 7:07 AM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 25, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Benford

Sierra Vista, AZ 85635-4229

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Carolyn Somers [csomers@powerc.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 8:07 AM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 25, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

Look internally for areas to save money. There is so much waste hard to believe Southwest Gas couldn't clean house.

Cut CEO salaries and benefits. Go to 4 day work week like SVEC did.

Stop looking to the public to resolve your issues. Find the resolution from within and quit placing the burden of responsibility on the tax payer and our pocketbooks.

Carolyn Somers

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carolyn Somers

Tombstone, AZ 85638-6184

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Eileen Cordova [removed-495875-2011-06-3005-10-24z@aarp.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 12:12 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 25, 2011

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1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Thousands of Arizonans are out of work.

Incomes for most Americans are not going up, yet other expenses to live are continuing to rise.

Corporate profits are up. The general cost of living is going up.

There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eileen Cordova

Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-8457

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Calvin Phillips [cal.phillips3332@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 2:43 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Calvin Phillips

Sierra Vista, AZ 85650-5225

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Kristine Sullivan [kristine.sullivan2006@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 10:45 AM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 26, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kristine Sullivan

Douglas, AZ 85607-1816

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From: AARP [aarp@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Malina Sindrich [msindrich@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2011 12:51 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 29, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

Southwest Gas is asking for a rate increase of about \$40 a year for the average single family residence.

They also ask for "decoupling" to guarantee part of their revenue. With "decoupling", even when ratepayers use less gas we may not pay less.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work.

There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: Sierra Club [information@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Elizabeth Hunter [mhunter7@aol.com]  
Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2011 3:14 PM  
To: Pierce-Web  
Subject: Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, #G-01531A-10-0458

Oct 29, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce  
1200 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

As a Southwest Gas customer and an Arizonan who is very concerned about the costs of energy and energy waste, I strongly urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to support the adoption of both energy efficiency and decoupling in the Southwest Gas rate case.

Our current system isn't working for me or others who are interested in conserving energy and lowering utility bills. We are sending billions of dollars and many jobs out of the state to buy fuel for our energy needs. If we don't fix the problem now, we are setting ourselves up to pay higher energy bills because utilities will buy more fuel from out of state and build more infrastructure, which we will ultimately pay for on our utility bills (PLUS interest!). To make matters worse, the current system financially rewards utilities for selling us more energy than we need. This results in wasteful energy use that drives bills higher and higher.

The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Hunter

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